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SUBJECT: NORTH ALLEGES FIRING ACROSS DMZ

REF: FBIS OWC 21321

1. NORTH KOREAN RADIO RECENTLY HAS CHARGED SOUTH WITH ARMISTICE VIOLATION, ALLEGING THAT FROM 0610 TP 0620 HOURS JUNE 2 THEY RECEIVED HEAVY MACHINE-GUN FIRE FROM SOUTH OF DMZ IN VICINITY CONFLUENCE INJIN AND HAN RIVERS. DETAILS OF ALLEGATION CONTAINED FBIS REPORT (REFTEL).

2. I CORPS INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATION REVEALS THAT UNIT OF 9TH ROK INF DIVISION AT 0610 HOURS JUNE 2 CONDUCTED SCHEDULED FIRING EXERCISE OF SIXTEEN 50 CAL MACHINE GUNS FROM THEIR TACTICAL POSTIONS. HOWEVER, GUNS WERE NOT FIRING TOWARD ANY NORTH KOREAN CONTROLLED AREAS. GUNS FIRED AT TWO SEPARATE TARGETS ON OUR SIDE DMZ. ONE TARGET LOCATED AT VIC BS970846 ON SIDE HILL; GROUND AROUND TARGET SOFT AND APPEARS TO HAVE ABSORBED MOST ROUNDS. SECOND TARGET LOCATED VIC BS 969843 NEAR SOME ROCK OUTCROPINGS WHICH COULD HAVE CAUSED RICHOCHETS

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IN DIRECTION OTHER SIDE. HOWEVER, ROUNDS WOULD HAVE TO

RICHOCHET AT ANGLE ALMOST NINETY DEGREES AND THEN TRAVEL
APPROXIMATELY 3500 METERS TO REACH CLOSEST NORTH KOREAN
POSTION.

3. WE EXPECT KPA MAY RIASE SHOOTING INCIDENT AT JUNE 11
MAC MEETING. IN VIEW OF INVESTIGATION RESULTS WE PLAN
TO REJECT CHARGES OF FIRING ACROSS DMZ, AND TO MAKE POINT
NORTH WOULD APPEAR TO BE FABRICATING FIRING INCIDENTS IN ORDER
TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM ITS OWN SERIOUS
ARMISTICE VIOLATIONS, SUCH AS TUNNEL DIGGING.
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